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## Window on Washington, D.C.

by David Garin

After ten years of political life in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, surrounded by local politicians, I now find myself on Capitol Hill as a Congressional Fellow. It occurs to me that friends and neighbors might be interested in how I got here and my first impressions of "the Hill."

While serving on the Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Commission, I decided to spend my sabbatical year (away from the University of Missouri-St. Louis) at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. to get the "big picture" on environmental activities. EPA turned out to be a surprising but rarely amusing experience. I noted that much of EPA labor was geared to responding to Congressional initiatives and that humility was only obvious when EPA representatives went before budget and appropriations committees of Congress. That, along with many conversations with those "in the know," suggested that to be effective in science/public policy matters one had to have contacts on the Hill. Therefore, I applied for and received a Congressional Fellowship sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

We started our year with a three week orientation — 28 science fellows varying in age from mid twenties to high forties with MDs, PhDs, JDs, and generally star-struck by the marble halls and hallowed corridors, high-ceilinged rooms, and life-like statues of the deceased powerful. We were whisked through briefings, lectures, reviews, interviews, debriefings, and lunches; meetings with personalities ranging from Senator John Glenn to Hans Mark (former Secretary of the Air Force) in working museums such as the National Academy of Sciences and the Pentagon. Then we were cast out to seek positions on the Hill. To our great surprise, we were not in great demand. I couldn't even get to talk to my Congressman. Although we were free professional help, we required space to operate, and that is the greatest shortage in Washington. Some staffers were jealous of sharing responsibility (and parking spaces) and others were suspicious or unaware of the program and felt that our type of expertise was available to them anyway through the Congressional Research Service (which is true). However, Subcommittees dealing with science and health and environmental areas sought us out eagerly and, in the end, we infiltrated everywhere. In October, I joined the personal staff of Albert Gore, Jr., Congressman from Tennessee who has a safe seat and who promised me a desk near a window. Gore is an active, effective member who just started his third term at the age of 32. He is an enthusiastic basketball player and a major proponent of legislation dealing with hazardous wastes, which is an area of great interest to me.

Most Congressional Representatives have a Washington staff of 10 or less depending upon the number and size of their State district offices. This staff answers letters and telephone calls, greets visitors, files information, writes speeches, produces position papers on some of the legislation of interest to the Member, announces grants, and advertises the Member as much as possible. A typical

Senator will have a Washington staff of a dozen or so with similar responsibilities to those of Representatives but with the need to cover a broader number of issues. This is a woefully small staff for the task of governing the U.S. and serving constituents.

Most Congressional staffs in Washington are composed of bright, enthusiastic youngsters; recent graduates who give their all for Congress and country and burn out in two to three years. Some return later as Congressman. For many House staffers, this is their first fulltime job. They love it. Long hours are welcome. Some work without salary. By contrast, the Senate staffers are more mature. They will average about 6 years of service, they have other professions, have had other jobs.

"Congressional committees are the heart and focus of the legislative process". With that line, I was introduced to the majesty, power, and significance of the Congressional committees. I did not know that ALL committees and subcommittees are chaired by members of the ruling party of that chamber, that the chairperson hires and directs most of the staff that work on that committee. Specific committee chairpersons have more legislative clout than the President.

With a Democratic majority in Congress since 1955, individual chairmen built empires; e.g., Magnuson in Appropriations, Long in Finance. With staffs often in excess of 100 hand-picked professionals per committee, the chairmen could choose their issues of interest, initiate public hearings, publish findings, and produce legislation. The most professional staffs on the Hill are those that work on House and Senate committees. They are experts in their area, they know the Hill, they write the legislation, push the legislation, they do everything but pass it. The majority staff works for the committee chairman, the minority staff is less important and works for the ranking member of the minority party of the committee which, for the past 26 years, was Republican. These committee staffs, especially the majority staff, develop into well-run organizations in their own right.

On November 4, 1980, the Senate committee organization was dismantled by the will of the people. Senator Long went to bed as one of the most powerful men in the U.S. Senate and woke up as another senator from Louisiana. The entire apparatus of the Senate Finance Committee will now be in the hands of Republican Senator Dole. Congress had changed more dramatically than most Americans realize. If I hadn't been here, I don't think I would have understood the significance of the change-over in the Senate. It is potentially more critical than changing administrations. The power of each Democratic member of the Democratically controlled House is now reduced. Congress runs on compromise, and compromised positions will be closer to the Republican right if those positions are to survive at all. My year on Capitol Hill started with a revolution.

*Editor's note:*  
David Garin is Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, currently on sabbatical leave.



### Vita Parcourse Proves Fit for Fitness Buffs

by Ken Kress

Back in the late summer or early fall of 1979, Mrs. Georgia L. Buckowitz, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the city, received a phone call from the Perrier company. The producers of Perrier water, a carbonated water beverage, wanted to know if the city would like a Vita Parcourse. A what? A series of exercise stations strung out along a running path, a do-it-yourself program for getting in shape the Perrier way.

The stations were being offered for free. The city knew it could enlist the aid of a Navy construction battalion for installation, so the Parcourse was approved without opposition by the Park Board members. The Navy's construction battalion is a reserve unit that operates on weekends and for two weeks during the year, so the exercise stations sat in a supply dump at Forest Park for over a year.

The Parcourse is situated just across Lindell. It starts down by the handball courts, where there is parking and locker-room facilities (\$20 a year, 25¢ a day to use the lockers and the showers). From there the Parcourse runs up Lindell along the bicycle path until the path turns South. Then the Parcourse loops back along Grand Drive, this side of the golf course.

There are 18 stations spaced out over a 1½ mile path. The first five stations are designed to warm you up, the sixth through the sixteenth tucker you out, and the last two or three bring your wheezing under control.

As George Kinsey, the commissioner of Parks, said, the Parcourse is very flexible: if one of the stations is full, you can use another station. Most of the calls about the Parcourse have been on the order of 'how can I get one,' and not 'golly, I really like it.' Mrs. Buckowitz and Mr. Kinsey take this as a good sign. The second most frequent type of call comes from golfers who think the stations are handsome. Perhaps exercise buffs are the strong, silent type?



### Cornerstone Receives Funding From Commerce Bank - U. City

by Jim Kern

Cornerstone Corporation, a non-profit housing corporation organized by Grace and Peace Fellowship members, has received a \$4500 grant from the Commerce Bank of University City. The money has been used to winterize the Cornerstone property at 6006 Washington. In addition to the increased heat efficiency, the newly painted trim and new storm windows enhance the building's appearance.

Cornerstone received this funding through the Neighborhood Assistance Program. This is a state program designed to encourage private companies to support local neighborhood improvement in return for tax benefits. Marian Rice, from the Commerce-Manchester branch, and Elaine Wright, of the Commerce Bank of University City, worked with Jim Kern from Cornerstone to secure the funding.

Cornerstone Corporation currently owns four properties in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, containing twenty remodeled apartments. In addition to 6006 Washington, there is one on McPherson, and two on Nina.

# Letters



Dear Editor,

I wish to thank Daniel Schesch for his warm welcome back to the neighborhood. And I wish to extend to him an invitation to visit Crossroads sometime so that from then on we may deal in realities rather than appearances.

Call me anytime, Dan, and I will give you a guided tour of the school.

Tony Husch  
Director of Financial Development  
Crossroads School

P.S. I think *the Paper* is great!

## WARM REUNION ON A FROSTY, MOONLIT NIGHT

By Mike Magrath

Having settled  
in our countryside Sleepy Hollow haven  
rented for the weekend.

Having warmed  
by the glowing fireplace  
we lit to christen and welcome  
the beginning of this time together  
with special friends, our children  
and the much needed renewed  
acquaintance  
with peace, quiet, ourselves, each other,  
and nature.

Our warmth having mellowed  
the rest retired.  
I could not, as my rekindled spirit  
sought to savor some moments to myself.  
I walked  
on this beautiful moonlit, frosty  
November night.

The full moon glowing  
much as a solitary light  
illuminating the stage below it.  
The sounds, the beautiful sounds of silence.

Water trickling from the spring;  
an occasional squirrel, rabbit, or other  
night-time wanderer rustling through  
the leaves and branches of the forest's  
floor.

The absolute stillness of the spring-fed  
ponds  
mirroring beautifully the moon's glowing  
presence,  
a surely pleasing reflection of itself.  
I was warmed on this frost-filled night.

The frost  
covering all that lay still below it  
as a beautiful, soft, fragile veil  
spread gently and precisely over  
the trees, leaves, tables, grass and  
all within its reach.

Glistening in the moon light  
a spectacular display of sparkle and glitter  
as though Jack Frost was hosting a family  
reunion  
so all who gathered could dance and shine  
together.

A fabulous ballet  
I joined them in their standing ovation  
to each other  
I thanked them all for their  
inspiring display of solidarity, and for  
the warmth and peace their radiance  
brought me.

I began to retire from this ecstatic  
encounter  
and turned in the meadow for another  
glimpse  
of the moon, and discovered  
a beautiful, towering tree in the meadow's  
middle  
had framed within its branches  
the moon, its brilliant splendor  
captured like a final curtain call  
and giving me a lasting image to be  
engraved  
in the archives of my mind's memorable  
moments.

## Breitmayer Memorial Ministry

by Elise Humphrey

The Breitmayer Ministry was established in 1974 by the Grace Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman Boulevard, to celebrate the life of Douglas Breitmayer, the Minister of Music for fourteen years until his death in July, 1973.

Mr. Breitmayer lived in the neighborhood and was involved in many community service activities. He often said that one person can make a difference. As a memorial to Mr. Breitmayer, an additional staff position was created. This person's main responsibility is to enhance the quality of life in the community in which he lived and worked.

The ministry began March 1, 1975 and was funded by gifts from the congregation, family and friends. At that time Henry Hall was named Breitmayer Minister.

Hall obtained a degree in urban affairs at St. Louis University after stints at Tarkio and Webster Colleges and Fisk University. Before coming to Grace Church, he held a job with the East-West Gateway Coordination Council. He began his work here by directing a federally funded youth program, and by starting a drama group to teach neighborhood children self-awareness. Mr. Hall's work lives on.

# Calendar

- 1 Campaign for Human Dignity to Reopen Homer G. Meets every Sunday, 3 p.m. at Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church. Corner of Marcus and Labadie.
- 4 "How to Challenge Your Child" by Bev Berla, Elementary Challenge Teacher in U. City School District. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. World Community Center. 438 Skinker, 8p.m. West End Players present TEN LITTLE INDIANS. Tickets \$3.50, Students and seniors \$3. 5007 Waterman. 7:30 p.m. Pre-school Story Hour. Des Peres Branch Library, 10 a.m.
- 5 National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression. Monthly meeting. World Community Center. 438 Skinker, 7:30 p.m. West End Players: TEN LITTLE INDIANS.
- 6 Plant Party for adults. Des Peres Branch Library, 10 a.m. Game Day for children. Des Peres Branch Library, 3:30 p.m. TGIF Senior Adult Group: "Taming the Food Budget" by Mildred Smith from the University Extension Service. Delmar Baptist Church, Washington at Skinker. 10 a.m.
- 9 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council board meeting. Open to public. 6008 Kingsbury. 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Pre-school Story Hour. Des Peres Branch Library, 10 a.m.
- 12 West End Players present Sarte's NO EXIT. Tickets \$3.50, Students and seniors \$3. 5007 Waterman. 8 p.m.
- 13 Game Day for children. Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 pm. West End Players: NO EXIT.
- 14 St. Patrick's Day Party. Cocktails, 6 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 pm. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. St. Roch's, Waterman and Rosedale. West End Players: NO EXIT.
- 15 TGIF Senior Adult Group: Emphasis on Senior Services. Stephany Brot will explain Medicare and Circuit Breaker Taxes. Delmar Baptist Church. Washington at Skinker. 10 a.m. In Concert: Mario Salvadore, organist, Choir Director of the New Cathedral, Steve Radecke, and the St. Roch's School Choir. Refreshments following. All invited. St. Roch's Church. 3 p.m.
- 18 "Generations: Mothers and Daughters." Panel discussion using MY MOTHER/MYSELF. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. World Community Center. 438 Skinker. 8 p.m.
- 19 West End Players; NO EXIT.
- 20 TGIF Senior Adult Group, Trip to Jefferson Memorial from Delmar Baptist Church, 10 a.m. St. Roch's School: No classes. West End Players: NO EXIT.
- 21 West End Players: NO EXIT.
- 22 West End Players present NO EXIT, 2:30 p.m.
- 24 Pre-school Story Hour. Des Peres Branch Library, 10 a.m.
- 27 Game Day for children. Des Peres Branch Library, 3:30 p.m. TGIF Senior Adult Group: Trip to Westport Plaze from Delmar Baptist Church. 10 a.m.
- 28 Rummage Sale. St. Roch's Scariot Hall, Rosedale at Waterman. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COPY

The Paper welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of the The Paper has always depended in large part on submissions from non-staff area residents.

All material—articles, letters, notices, classified ads—must be typewritten on opaque paper, double-spaced, and signed. Signatures on correspondence to the editor may, on publication, be omitted by request. Calendar listings should be phoned or mailed to the staff member responsible for the Calendar of Events. Deadline: for all copy is the 15th of the month.

In a news article it is essential that the writer state the most important information in the first paragraph. The writer is responsible for the accuracy of data, including times, dates, locations and particularly the spelling of names.

Any pictures or illustrations submitted should be in black and white. The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material.



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# New Leadership Comes to Hamilton School

by Nancy Cohen

Since its construction in 1917, Hamilton School has been educating young Skinker-DeBaliviere residents. The 1980-81 school year has brought many changes to the school: an integrated student body, a grade range of only kindergarten through fifth grade, and a dynamic new principal, Mr. John Bernard.

Currently, Hamilton School educates 360 students: 252 are assigned to regular classes, approximately 40 pupils are assigned to kindergarten and approximately 68 children are assigned to special education classes. About 30 per cent of these pupils are white and 70 per cent are black. Almost all of the white students are bused from the Mason and Dewey school areas which are located in the southwest section of the city. Hamilton School has a highly qualified teaching staff, 90 per cent of whom hold advanced degrees. The racial composition of the staff is 59 per cent black and 41 per cent white. Five of the staff members are male.

As required by the St. Louis City School Board, Hamilton School has developed an educational plan to meet the objectives of 1) improvement of academic performance, 2) achievement of integration, 3) improvement in pupil and teacher attendance, 4) improvement in the school climate, and 5) establishment of sound budget policies and procedures. The plan was drawn up by Mr. Bernard with active input by staff, parents and community members. For anyone interested in Hamilton School it is

"must" reading and is available through the principal's office. Mr. Bernard is also seeking funding for a proposal which will bring several cultural enrichment programs and a new approach to mathematics instruction to supplement Hamilton's strong emphasis on improving basic educational skills. Already approved for this year is a program partly funded by the Missouri Council for the Arts and the Central West End Savings and Loan in which Bill Fitzgibbons, neighborhood sculptor, will work with the children.

Neighborhood residents met Mr. Bernard this past summer at meetings of the Dewey Cluster Parents Group, parents and community residents interested in providing our students with a harmonious transition to integrated education. His involvement is indicative of the importance he places upon parental and community visibility and participation in the educational process.

Mr. Bernard feels that he has a good staff, a well-rounded educational program, which includes mainstreaming the special education students to their fullest potential, plenty of supplies and a clean and well-maintained school, as evidenced by the refurbishment of the beautiful leaded glass windows in the kindergarten room. What he needs is greater parental involvement. For a neighborhood that has thrived on volunteer community effort, surely, we can respond to this challenge.

# New Course Offerings at Community School

by Michelle Lowery, coordinator

Invest in yourself and your future by joining the learning community of Hamilton Community School. Don't allow another term to pass without getting involved.

Hamilton offers something for everyone. For those who are body conscious, there's Karate, Aerobic Dance, Slimnastics, Yoga, Dancercise, and Dance Theatre. Less physical course offerings include Creative Writing, Practical Math, Dream Interpretation, Stress Management, ESP Everyday, Tax Information and Preparation, Typing, and Personal Life Management. If you're interested in pursuing creative instincts, there are private lessons in piano, guitar, and drums. We also offer Drawing, Sewing, Creative Art Expression (multimedia), Painting, Cake Decorating, Upholstery, Dramatic Choral Ensemble, Relief Carving, Photography, and Home Gardening.

For those who want to review, assess, and organize skills already acquired, we have several excellent one night workshops: How to Develop a Useful Resume, Job Preparation, and What is the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

In programs sponsored by Forest Park Community College, college credit courses are being offered in Basic Home Repair (1 credit hour, 5 sessions), Color Slide Photography (1 credit hour, 5 sessions), Health Care for Family and Self (1 credit hour, 5 sessions), Stress Management (1 credit hour, 5 sessions), and Creative Writing (3 credit hours, 15 sessions).

If you're too busy to make long term

commitments, you might take advantage of our one and two night workshops which address a variety of special interests: Small Business Workshop, sponsored by the SBA and Forest Park Community College; (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, sponsored by the Heart Association; Take Control of Your Weight, Dinner for a Dollar, Taming Your Food Budget, and Nutrition for Children, all sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension Center; and Solar Energy, sponsored by Solar Greenhouse Association.

Our youth programs are proving successful and well attended. We are particularly proud of our tutoring program for grades 1 through 12. We have an excellent staff of tutors from Washington University and the University of Missouri, St. Louis. We have high hopes for our "Theatre on a Shoestring," a workshop for 3rd through 12th grades, and are looking forward to taking this program to satellite sites in the community. Having acquired the use of the Academic and Athletic Academy's (formerly Hamilton Branch III) gym, we are anticipating expansion of competitive and recreational athletics for both children and adults.

You're invited to sample the learning experience at your Community School. Do yourself a favor — take time out to grow with us. For any questions, course suggestions or information, call 367-6996, 3 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or drop by 5819 Westminster. We'll be looking forward to seeing you.

# Nina Place Redevelopment Corp Report

by Pat Kohn

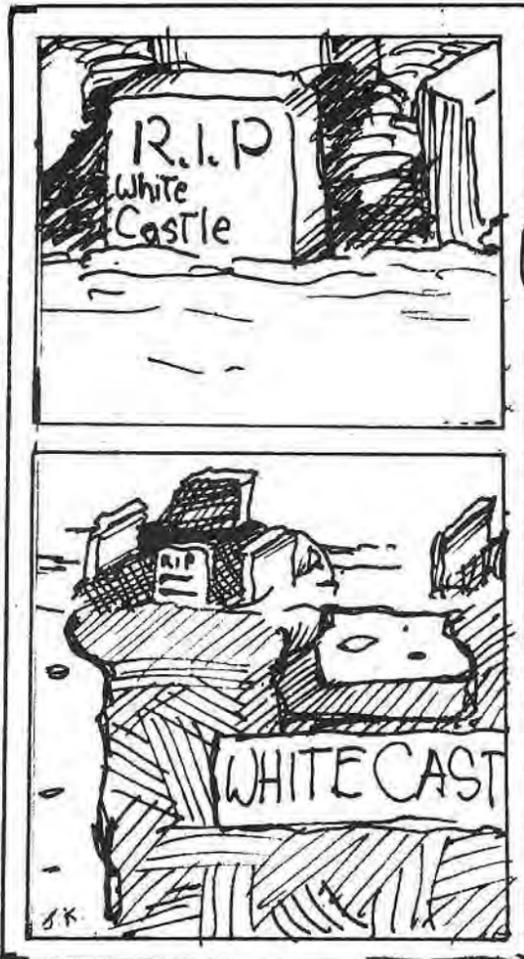
NPRC, composed primarily of property owners in the Nina Place area, submitted a proposal to CDA on January 20. The proposal seeks funding for the complete rehabilitation of three key properties in the area, and includes a plan for the relocation of any displaced families. Displacement has been a major concern of NPRC in the formulation of the overall Nina Place Development Plan.

The proposal accompanies a separate one, submitted privately by a property owner and NPRC Board member, which seeks development funds for two vacant structures. Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and Washington Heights Neighbors Assoc. have provided letters of neighborhood support to accompany both proposals. If funding is approved, the redevelopment of five structures in the area should provide a boost to further private redevelopment.

The Development Committee of NPRC has been working with the Urban League to prepare an overall plan and architectural drawings for the Nina Place area. In conjunction with this overall plan, surveys of the owners are underway to determine specific cost estimates and construction needs of any participating owners. Funds for private rehabilitation will be sought for participating owners in a separate proposal. The Urban League will provide technical assistance to each owner.

In an effort to restore city services to the Nina Place area, long neglected by Streets, Health and Forestry officials, NPRC has been meeting with City officials, asking for normalization of city services, and investigating what public improvements can come from that normalization.

NPRC welcomes community help in its effort to lead the revitalization of Nina Place. Any questions can be directed to Doc Netterville, President, or Jack Lazard, Vice President, Nina Place Redevelopment Corporation.



# REDEVELOPING NINA PLACE NMK Progress Report

by David Havens

The Nina-McPherson-Kingsbury (NMK) Redevelopment Corporation has been meeting regularly during the past 9 months to write a redevelopment plan for the "Nina Triangle". The plan considers the unique racial, political, and economic situations found in Nina Place and discusses various issues such as displacement, technical assistance for owners, tax abatement, public improvements, eminent domain, and standards for rehabilitation. The role of the NMK is not as developer but as helper and advisor to neighborhood-based redevelopment corporations, partnerships of existing property owners, and current owners who desire to make building improvements.

The completed redevelopment plan has been submitted to Miles Pomery of the Community Development Agency's

planning division for informal feedback. Mr. Pomery was asked to meet with members of the NMK corporation in late Feb. or early March. Copies of the plan will then be distributed to members of the Nina Redevelopment corporation (NRC) who will be invited to respond, make suggestions, and offer alternatives. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council who formed the NMK will also receive copies of the plan. The council plans to ask both groups to make a presentation during the regular meeting night on March 9th.

Meanwhile the winter takes its toll on more buildings in Nina Place as at least three more heatless buildings empty out and pipes begin to burst. A few more potential board-ups are added to a neighborhood where other buildings are experiencing major improvements.

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## April Fool's Auction Planned

The Community Health Council of the People's Clinic has announced their plans to host the 5th annual April Fool's Silent Auction.

At this time the committee is requesting the support of all its friends and neighbors. The Clinic is accepting gifts of items or

services ranging from the practical to the extravagant to the silly.

All goods and services donated will support the good health of our community. To make a donation contact Mary Falk at the People's Clinic, 721-5577, or Sue Sante, 863-2315.



Vicissitudes



by Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

We are pleased this month to share with you some quite interesting and exciting things some of our neighbors are doing professionally. A hearty congratulations to Pat Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, for her article "The Lost Mine" which was accepted by the Post-Dispatch and appeared in the February 13th Everyday section, along with Pat's photographs. We hope to see more of her work in the future.

Congratulations are also very much in order for two more neighborhood residents. Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, was honored by Mayor Conway with an appointment to the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee. The function of this committee will be to draft a franchise for the installation of cable T.V. in St. Louis.

Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, has been named Executive Director of the Conference on Education. The conference is a non-profit, volunteer organization which is designed to promote solutions to major educational concerns. It is run by a 36-member board made up of two-thirds lay citizens and one-third professional educators and is financed by contributions from individuals and corporations. Marcia has promised to give us more information about the Conference on Education and its 25th anniversary in the near future.

A new neighborhood business, Ken Cohen Advertising, which has been in

operation since January, is currently located in Ken's home, 6100 McPherson. Ken is involved with radio, television and all types of advertising. We wish him much success.

A very successful as well as enjoyable Progressive Dinner was held on Saturday, January 31st. The success was due, in large part, to the efforts of Joanne Reilly, Cathy Fitzmaurice and Yvonne Christopher, the planners and organizers of the dinner. They wish to thank also Gerry Flynn and Betty Botz for keeping such excellent notes on last year's dinner. Approximately 180 people, undaunted by reports of an impending "blizzard", which fortunately never materialized, enjoyed cocktails and a variety of delicious dinners at the host homes. Twenty homes served cocktails and 18 prepared dinners. Everyone then "progressed" to Scariot Hall for dessert, coffee, wine and beer. The dessert — miniature pastries from Elmer Blatz Pastry Shop — was purchased compliments of Central West End Savings and Loan. The proceeds from the dinner go to St. Roch's School Association.

Many happy returns to Harold Tuthill who was given a surprise birthday party by friends and neighbors. Mr. Tuthill was presented with a trophy from the Tuesday Night Men's Volleyball Group inscribed with "Harold Tuthill — World's best 75 year old volleyball player." Following the party, Harold demonstrated his powers on the court.

West Side Khoury League 1981 Report



by Douglas and Cleodora Alexander

We are beginning our third season as St. Louis West Side Khoury League, a combined effort of parents, managers, and coaches.

There were a few problems in 1980, but the overall picture was good. The children (which the organization was established for) had fun playing baseball and softball, as well as learning valuable lessons in sportsmanship and fairplay.

Continuing effort is needed. Without it the job will never get done. We need men and women who will donate their time and energy to helping young people interested in softball and baseball, who will serve as examples to the children while promoting the ideals of St. Louis West Side Khoury League.

If we of St. Louis West Side Khoury League invest in our children today, we will have reason to feel confident when they are determining the destiny of our community in forth-coming years. If you are interested in donating your time, please contact Douglas Alexander, President at 862-8523.

Players, managers, coaches, and parents would like to say thank-you to the many private and commercial donors who made the 1980 season possible:

- Old Newsboy Assn. (Globe-Democrat)
- ... Rosedale Neighbors ... Washington Heights Neighbors ... Pantheon Corp ... Central West End Assn. ... Central West End Savings and Loan ... Joint Community Board's Mustard Seed Fund ... Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council ... Colonial Rug ... Fontebonne's student (Karen Busch) ... Richard Vincent ...

- Richmond Coburn ... Edward Walsh ... Richard Draper ... Mr. & Mrs. J. McClellan ... Mr. & Mrs. A. Nelson ... Georgi Fox ... Mrs. Buckley ...

Now is time to register children for this season. We will register boys and girls from the ages of 7 to 17 (1973-1964) and try to get a co-ed T-ball league for youngsters 4-6 years of ages.

All persons registering for the first time in the West Side must bring a photocopy of a birth certificate (our copy to keep) and, if there is a medical problem that might affect his/her play, a medical statement.

- The fees are:
- a 15.00 Registration fee \* / 5.00 T-ball fee,
  - a 15.00 Uniform deposit fee: 10.00 is refundable upon return of the uniform and 5.00 is a uniform maintenance fee (non-refundable); and
  - a 5.00 Baseball/softball cap fee
- \*Family prices are available
- All fees must be paid at registration. If you have any questions, call Douglas Alexander, 862-8523.

- Registration will be held at:
- Des Peres Library - 5960 Kingsbury (corner of Des Peres & Kingsbury)
  - March 7, 1981 1:30-4:45 pm
  - March 21, 1981 1:30-4:45 pm
  - Grace United Methodist Church - 6199 Waterman rm 13 (corner Skinker & Waterman)
  - March 14, 1981 1-4 pm
  - March 28, 1981 1-4 pm

Hope to see you at registration.

Growing Vegetables in the Closet

by Arlene Sandler

It's time to be thinking about the greening of your yard and your thumbs. Before you buy your first seed packet, use the library to plan carefully before you plant carelessly. Sagebrush does not do well on Pershing. *Shade Gardens* will tell you what will thrive beneath the lovely but problematic trees lining the shady streets of Skinker-DeBaliviere. *Landscape It Yourself* gives sound advice on designing planting areas around your home that are functional as well as beautiful.

Dare to be botanically different! Growing trees inside your home is a challenge, but the dramatic effect is worth all the effort. *How to Grow Trees Indoors* provides the necessary information including answers to such questions as, "Do Indoor Trees Like Music?" and "Talking to Indoor Trees - Does It Help?" *The Adventurous Gardener* is filled with out-of-the-ordinary things to grow or ways to grow them. You can raise radishes in your closet under lights, grow your own teas, personalize a pumpkin, or grow a cucumber in a bottle with this intriguing book.

Reading about plants is much easier than growing them. *Green Immigrants* tells what effects many common plants have had on history. The Scots spread thistles on a beach and drove marauding Vikings painfully back to their ships ... so they say. Crabgrass was actually brought here by the U.S. government in 1849 to meet the growing need for good forage for livestock. This little book is plant lore at its best.

On Friday, March 6 at 10 A.M., bring cuttings, catalogs, and friends to Des Peres Branch Library. We can share plants, seed catalogs, and ideas and watch an engaging expert gardener, Ruth Stout, on film.

The St. Louis Public Library, along with other institutions, has been hard hit by the sudden withdrawal of state funds. The immediate result has been the closing of all branches and the Main Library on the last Friday of every month. If you are concerned

Craft Alliance

Guide To Missouri Craft Fairs

For the second consecutive year Craft Alliance is publishing its 1981 guide to the state's craft and art fairs. The *Missouri Craft And Art Fairs* calendar is intended as a guide to events where artists display and sell their original handmade work.

The guide will be on file at the public libraries throughout Missouri after mid-March. Individual copies may be obtained free by sending a self-addressed, stamped (.30) envelope to Craft Calendar, Craft Alliance, 6640 Delmar Blvd., University City, Mo. 63130.

Demonstrations at many of the fairs listed provide the public with an opportunity to see the individual techniques the artists use in making their pottery, painting, weaving, jewelry and various other crafts. Local parks often provide a comfortable setting for the fairs. A few "Renaissance Fairs" are held in historic areas; artists sport costumes of the period and display art work common to the era. Food, music, and entertainment often complete the day and provide an enjoyable family experience.

Funding for this project was provided by the members of Craft Alliance in conjunction with the Missouri Arts Council and several new sponsors.

The list was compiled by Terry L. Goldberg.

about good library service, you might want to let Governor Bond know about it by writing to him at the Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101.

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# The Future For Team Policing

by Skip Coburn

A recent article in the *Post-Dispatch* reported that the outgoing Board of Police Commissioners had decided to discontinue Team Policing, effective May 1, 1981. Team Policing, which has been in operation in the Seventh District since 1976, has in the minds of many neighborhood residents been chiefly responsible for the dramatic decline in this area's crime rate during the late 1970's. (Between 1975 and 1978 crime declined by 62% in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood).

As it turns out, the aforementioned newspaper article incorrectly depicted the fate of Team Policing. Suzanne Hart indicated to me that the current Police Board had actually deferred any decision on the fate of Team Policing to its successors. Consequently, the "jury is still out" on what will happen to Team Policing in the Seventh District.

The central issue in determining what will happen to Team Policing revolves around the question of how this innovative law enforcement technique should be evaluated. Suzanne Hart is hopeful that the new Police Board will insist on as *objective* and *independent* evaluation as possible. The unspoken inference is that heretofore "downtown judgments" on Team Policing have been less than totally objective and independent.

Suzanne has been joined in her efforts to lobby for an objective evaluation of Team Policing by the Editorial Staff of the *Post-Dispatch* (see "What Score for Team Policing"). In addition, the opportunity also exists for residents and organizations in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood to express their support for Team Policing.

But there is one other thing this neighborhood can do. We need to more positively support our Team One officers with such "time honored" crime prevention tactics as organizing block-watcher units and promoting effective security precautions. These efforts have worked in this neighborhood in the past, as demonstrated by the previously mentioned decline in crime during the late 1970's.

Crime continues to be a major concern for all neighborhoods located in major metropolitan areas. While we have recently heard complaints in our neighborhood about the effects of cutbacks in the City's Police Department and "perceived" increases in crime, it must, nevertheless, be noted that the actual incidence of crime *remains* considerably below what it was in the early 1970's. We have learned to effectively deal with this problem and we can continue to control it by utilizing crime prevention measures and demonstrating our support for Team Policing.

*Editor's note:*  
Skip Coburn is the Executive Director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

## The Art Fair Needs You!

Rumors that there will be no art fair this year are untrue! There will be an art fair on Mother's Day. But in order for the art fair to be a success *we need your help!* Whether you are an upwardly mobile professional, displaced homemaker, "discouraged worker" or member of the idle rich, you can make a difference. Give no further thought to whether you should volunteer — sign up now by calling Skip Coburn at 862-5122.

## SDCC Receives \$900 Gift From McDonnell Douglas

The Community Council recently received a gift of \$900.00 from the McDonnell Douglas Personnel Charity Trust. The gift will enable the Community Council to purchase a new Copier for neighborhood use. Instrumental in securing the gift for the Community Council was Eulyses Jones, who is employed by McDonnell Douglas and is a Washington Heights representative on the Community Council Board.



# Peace and Justice Groups Inhabit 438 Skinker

By: Marcia Kerz

While most neighborhood residents pass by 438 North Skinker frequently, very few know what goes on inside the converted old home now known as the World Community Center. In a recent interview, Yvonne Logan, the Director, attempted to sort out the recent activities and history of the Center.

The World Community Center began in 1975 with the goal of aiding organizations to increase their effectiveness in working for a just and humane world community. While that is a rather large agenda, the Center has maintained its existence by working with a variety of organizations. The Center is now primarily a location for peace and justice groups. Eight organizations are considered founding groups of the World Community Center and one of those groups, the American Friends Service Committee, still maintains an office there. Other organizations such as the United Nations Association are housed elsewhere. Presently, two neighborhood residents serve on the Board of Directors of the Center. Jean Robert Leguey-Feilleux is Chairman of the Board, and Bill Stone is a member.

While the Center serves as a hub for peace and justice organizations, it is also responsible for its own major program. "Great Decisions" is a nationwide program designed to increase understanding of principal foreign policy issues facing the United States. The Board Vice-Chairman, Marion Weir, is in charge of "Great Decisions '81". Information about the program and a book, which can be used in secondary school classes, is available at the Center for \$5.00 per copy.

In 1975, 438 Skinker was purchased from the Committee for Environmental Information. The Center will retire their mortgage debt in two years. To meet payments, the Center rents office space to nine organizations. The building also pays property taxes because it has been unable to receive a tax exempt status. Mrs. Logan said the rent received barely covers the cost of maintaining the building. Supplemental income is raised at the annual Mother's Day Art Fair where the Center has always had booths.

Organizations presently inhabiting the building are:

- American Friends Service Committee which promotes peace and justice in the Middle East.
- Freedom of Residence which is concerned about discrimination in housing.
- The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.
- The National Committee for Appropriate Technology which promotes various forms of energy conservation.
- The Women's Credit Union.
- Crawdad Alliance which opposes nuclear power.

- The Committee for a Radioactive Waste Policy which supports the development of a coherent waste policy.
- The Tenants Union.
- The Campaign for Human Dignity which supports the re-opening of Homer G. Phillips Hospital.

The converted house itself is in good repair and the Center has installed new storm windows and has recently painted the exterior trim. The basement has a large room which can be rented for meetings. The charge is slight. The basement, first and second floors contain offices. The third floor, which needs renovation, is not in use presently.

According to Mrs. Logan, the building has been used for office for many years. Prior to the eight year occupancy by the Committee for Environmental Information, the building served as a Hebrew school. Mrs. Logan still receives calls for the school.

The Center is administered by an all volunteer staff, and maintains information about other peace and justice organizations. That information is available to anyone who is interested. Mrs. Logan encourages visits and will be happy to provide visitors with more information about the World Community Center.

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## Cauchon Proves Carrier Watch Program A Success

Pete Cauchon, a southside postal carrier received a "Senior Citizens Appreciation Award" for his part in the Carrier Watch home-protection program which recently may have saved an 80-year-old woman's life.

Cauchon discovered a southside resident registered in the Carrier Watch program had not picked up her mail. Through the information provided on the Carrier Watch registration form, Martha Dodge of the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, a volunteer coordinator of the program, was able to locate the woman's son who managed to enter the house.

The woman was found uninjured, Mrs. Dodge said, "However she was on the floor unable to get up and had been without food or water for at least twenty-four hours." During the winter months when many senior citizens are homebound because of severe weather conditions, older adults are being asked to consider registering to participate in "Carrier Watch," a free home watch protective service for the elderly and the homebound developed in cooperation with the postal service.

"Carrier Watch" is in effect in all postal areas within the 631 zip code. It combines the efforts of the postal service, the Letter Carriers Union, local area agencies on aging, police departments and other organizations to insure that the most vulnerable of the community's citizens are given the greatest degree of protection possible.

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## "Taming the Food Budget"

The T.G.I.F. (Thank Goodness It's Friday) older adult group is sponsoring the program, "Taming the Food Budget", on Friday, March 6, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. at Delmar Baptist Church, 6195 Washington. The guest speaker will be Ms. Mildred Smith from the University of Missouri-Lincoln University Co-operative Extension Service, who will give tips on how to eat and shop economically. Because the high cost of eating affects all of us, this program is open to all members of the community regardless of age.

Lunch (optional) follows the program; charge \$1.00. For further information or to make a reservation for lunch, call the church office, 725-2311.

## Creative Selling Course

The Small Business Administration and the St. Louis Public Schools' Adult Distributive Education will co-sponsor a course entitled "Salesmanship in a Small Business." This class will meet for six weeks on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning March 5, 1981. This course is scheduled at the O'Fallon Technical Center, 5101 McRee Avenue.

Opening techniques, product knowledge, customer identification, presentation, overcoming objections, and closing will be among the topics discussed. Both inside and outside sales will be covered.

For further information and registration, call Adult Education at 367-5454 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon), 776-6400, or 776-2215.

## People's Clinic

Everyone in the community served by the People's Clinic is invited to participate in the Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 5, at Grace Methodist Fellowship Hall, Waterman at Skinker, at 7:30 p.m.

President Leon Mitchell will outline the activities of the Board.

Susan Corcoran, Secretary, will present the search, purchase and renovation plans to date.

Vice-President Sue Sante will introduce the nominees for eight positions on the Board. The deadline for voting for the Council positions is March 14.

## Neighborhood Senior Services

Do you know how to fill out Medicare forms? Would you like to have someone fill out your Missouri Senior Citizen Income Tax Credit Claim? Do you need a ride to a doctor? Would you like to know about supplemental Medicare benefits?

On Friday, March 13, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. the T.G.I.F. adult group at Delmar Baptist Church (Washington at Skinker) will present three guests, who will address these questions.

Mrs. Stefany Brot, an older adult advocate for the Golden Rule Insurance Company, will demonstrate how to fill out Medicare forms and answer questions about Medicare. She will also explain and help you fill out the Missouri Senior Citizen Income Tax Credit Claim (CIRCUIT BREAKER). To do this you must bring your property tax receipt or rent receipt, social security number, and birthdate.

Diane Kilgore, Co-ordinator of the Senior Citizen Care Unit of Lindell Hospital, will explain the full range of medical services available there, including free transportation, 24-hour acute call and emergency treatment, lab tests, and much more.

Claudette Walkerton, from Courtney Health Clinic, will explain supplemental Medicare benefits.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon for \$1.00. For further information call the Delmar Church office at 725-2311.

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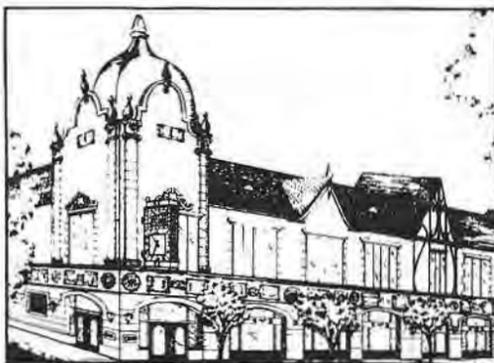
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# A Stable Neighborhood Church Grows Out Of Movement

by Ray Breun

Delmar Baptist Congregation will be 104 years old this month. It was 29 March 1877, Holy Thursday evening, when 125 or so persons met in a frame chapel behind the Central Presbyterian Church at Garrison and Lucas Avenues. The chapel was closer to Morgan Street (now Delmar Boulevard) on Garrison and the new congregation decided to style itself the Garrison Avenue Baptist Church. That first chapel was only 35 by 70 feet and cost the assembly \$718.00. However, the land it was on was leased. Two years later, April 1879, the lease ran out and the congregation had to move. They put the chapel on rollers and moved it down the street two blocks west to the corner of Compton and Morgan Streets. That was the first of many westward moves for that Baptist body. Like most other institutions of St. Louis, it

moved west as the city expanded and changed.

Still known as the Garrison Avenue Baptist Church, the mid-1880's found the assembly looking toward Grand Avenue as the new residential area. They thought about building at the corner of Grand and Washington Avenues. A gift of \$5000.00 for land at the corner of Delmar and Spring changed their minds and the name of their church. From 1884 to the present, because of the move to Delmar and Spring, the church has been known as the Delmar Baptist Church. The new building cost \$18,000.00, but it was worth it — until the Third Baptist Church moved from Fourteenth and Clark to Grand and Washington in late 1884. That put too much pressure on the smaller Delmar Baptist Church and an attempt was made by Third Baptist to incorporate its smaller competitor. Instead of bowing under,

Delmar Baptist bought new land and built a \$40,000.00 facility at the corner of Delmar and Pendleton. This new location was dedicated 25 September 1892. The congregation had 419 members and a large debt!

Less than 13 years later, Delmar Baptist had no debt and no church building. The last service at the Pendleton and Delmar corner was held 29 August 1915. The congregation wandered thereafter for nearly four years. Progress toward a final resolution of the problem came on 1 June 1916 when a lot at the corner of Skinker and Washington was purchased from Grace Methodist Church for \$10,025.00. It was 1918, however, before construction could begin. The war had cut into all plans, and not until 1 October 1918, six weeks before the armistice, was the first spade of dirt turned at the new location. Dedication came during the week of 1-8 June 1919. Special services were held each evening

during that ogdoad. It would take \$130,000.00 to pay for it all, but Delmar Baptist Church finally had a home it would keep. An educational building was added in June 1927, rounding out the physical plant to its current appearance. A new organ and much interior refurbishment went in during 1974 and 1975. Two years later, 29 March 1977, the congregation celebrated its centennial anniversary. Like its ecclesiastical neighbors, it contributes directly to the support of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. The third floor gymnasium as well as the tenant school are part of the educational and recreational fabric of the neighborhood. The history of this peripatetic congregation presaged its strength and durability. Its new pastor, the Reverend Samuel R. Binch, has 104 years of amazing grace to look back upon in planning and living the present.

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## Hotline Needs Help

by Joan F. Smith

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According to Woenia Rice, project director, the purpose of this project is to assist frail and isolated older people who are having a difficult time managing on their own in the community, and who may need assistance in locating the kinds of resources that could make it easier for them to continue living independently.

The project employs four workers whose duties include: making home visits to help individuals decide what kind of assistance they need and, when possible, helping individuals more fully utilize the strengths and resources they already have (friends, families, church affiliations, etc.).

Who may be in need of case management services? Individuals experiencing many problems at once and who may need a number of services to remedy these problems. Persons in need of some type of assistance but is having a difficult time pinpointing the problem. Older adults in need of some type of advocacy or social support.

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## In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

Holidays are generally celebrated to make us feel better and that certainly makes sense. I mean, we all cherish the feeling that someone loves us (Valentine's Day); we enjoy reflecting on our good fortune (Thanksgiving); we like knowing that ghosts and goblins are really neighborhood tykes (Halloween). You don't often hear of someone celebrating the onset of an illness, an increase in their property tax, or their daughter reaching the age where she can date boys who drive cars. The Japanese don't celebrate V-J day, either. This, too, is as it should be. After all, if we celebrated tragedy and pathos, tombstones would have smile faces and H.R. Block would wear a clown suit and work to calliope music.

Given our penchant for celebrating things that make our life better, I'm always surprised that we don't pay more attention to February 11, National Inventor's Day. That's right, National Inventor's Day.

Inventors have clearly made our life easier. Where would we be without inventors? Simple, try the caves; better yet, here in St. Louis, try the mounds (not the candy bar, the hills!). Going way back to Fred Flintstone times, we've always been indebted to inventors. Can you imagine the kind of mileage you'd get with square tires? Where would elevators be without cables? Think how few people would watch "Dallas" if television hadn't been invented.

Increased longevity is the direct result of inventors' ingenuity. Penicillin, interferon, Preparation H and other life-sustaining wonder drugs have increased man's life expectancy three-fold (not to mention three-mutilate or three-staple). The increased life expectancy has allowed someone like Ronald Reagan to live long enough to be elected (There's a message in this somewhere, I'm just not sure what it is!).

The inventions that appeal to me the most, however, aren't the major life savers or even the significant scientific achievements. My fondness lies with the inventions which improve the quality of life. Thank God for Whitcomb Judson's invention of the zipper! Electric blankets, FM radio, tab top cans, and football are high on my list of meaningful contributions. I recognize that the computer and silicon chips are important, but seriously now, are they really any more important than the magnetized rubber animals that stick to my refrigerator door and deliver crucial messages? ("Take out the trash," "Call Ken," and "I'm showing a house so you'll have to fix yourself dinner. Take the baloney out of the freezer.")

It would be interesting to have a contest and vote for the #1 invention of all time. We could simply add a ballot box on our income tax forms ("Vote for one: the wheel, democracy, fingernail polish, Hamburger Helper, no left turn.") I'm sure the results would vary by region. No doubt Houston folks might rank air conditioning a bit higher than those in Minneapolis. New Yorkers would probably go for burglar alarms while Californians would probably opt for dope or rock music (that's assuming that they can still distinguish the difference between the two). St. Louisans? I'm not sure, but I suspect that here in the twenty-eighth ward we'd lean toward politics as being a very important invention. After all, if it wasn't for politics, all of our many neighbor-politicians would be out of work and we'd have to help feed them, support their families, and cut their grass. Plus, without politics they'd be in competition with us for honest jobs.

Having extolled the virtues of inventions, I think it only fair to discuss some of the more pernicious inventions. After all, inventors are like any other group of birds, you have a turkey here and there.

The inventor of the pothole should be shocked to death and the inventor of the Susan B. Anthony dollar should be drawn and quartered. . . .

The invention that I hate the most is a relatively recent one: wind chill factor. That's a perfect example of having too much knowledge. I know it's cold when I hear that it is -4 degrees outside; it really doesn't help me one bit to know that this equates to a -47 degree wind chill factor! I'm cold either way, right? I wasn't planning on sunbathing or riding my bike anyway, so why do I need to know that it's that cold? The wind chill factor index has only served to make me feel colder, stay inside, and turn up my thermostat. (Is there any truth to the rumor that Laclede Gas developed the wind chill statistic?)

Unfortunately, the wind chill factor, like smallpox, is here to stay. I'd like to jump on the misery bandwagon and offer my own invention: the "sweltering weather equals anti-social times" index (acronym: SWEAT). We could use the SWEAT index during the summer in St. Louis to tell how hot it really is! (This would be much more scientific than seeing how long it takes to fry an egg on the sidewalk or counting the number of cars that overheat at Skinker and Delmar.)

My SWEAT formula is simple: take the Fahrenheit temperature, add the humidity, and multiply the total by .9, then add the number of 905 beers consumed by a reasonable adult within a 24 hour period plus the number of times your neighbor says, "Hot enough for you?" Your final figure is the SWEAT factor.

The SWEAT factor won't make me feel any cooler or cause me to turn down the setting on my air conditioner, but at least I'll be more understanding when my Right Guard fails. Now, if I could just develop a factor to determine exactly how much pain I'm feeling in the dentist's chair. . . .

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